

March 2006

MAG-41 NEWS

"America's MAG"

MAG-41 Welcomes Sergeant Major & Mrs. Villers



CO's Corner



Dear MAG-41 Families,

I just checked my calendar and it actually looks like March 2006 might be a fairly quiet month for MAG-41—let's keep our fingers crossed.

With last month's triumphant return of MACS-24 Det A from Iraq, all of our major deployments in support of the war on terror have returned home. We do still have a few individual augments de-

ployed, so please keep them and their families in your thoughts.

While we seem to be taking a hiatus from operational commitments, I must caution all of us against "putting our guard down." The war on terror is a long-term effort that will take many years of hard and dedicated effort by all elements of our national power, to include our military, and the combined resources of our many allies. It is imperative that we maintain our high caliber of combat and family readiness in anticipation for the day when we are once again called upon to server our

nation in harms way. This may well be our most difficult task—to be ready day in and day out.

It is easy to see the need to train hard, to sacrifice our time and effort, and to maintain our families' readiness when the call to mobilize and deploy comes. It is far more difficult for all of us—active duty, active reserve, or drilling reservist—to keep ourselves and our families focused on being a Marine or Sailor 24/7 when we seem to be in a state of "business as usual"—but, that is now our mission.

I ask all of you to stay engaged in our MAG-41 family readiness support programs—the more you know and the more involved you are, the better prepared you, your family, and your Marine or Sailor will be when the time comes. Please make use of all our resources: this monthly newsletter, our Key Volunteer Network, the MAG-41 web site, Military One-Source, and the upcoming availability of LINKS (*Lifestyles, Insights, Network, Knowledge, Skills*) workshops. Our family support team stands ready to assist or answer questions you may have. Please feel free to contact CWO3 O'Day at 817-782-2748 or GySgt LorenzTownsend at 817-782-2753.

Have a great March, enjoy your children's spring break, and thank you again for your continued support to your Marine or Sailor, and to "America's MAG."

Semper Fidelis,
Juergen "Baron" Lukas

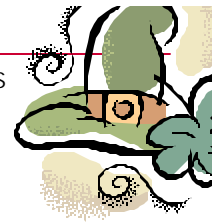


Marine Air Control Squadron (Air Traffic Control) Detachment Alpha, Communications Technician Staff Sgt. Brian Lynch is warmly greeted by his spouse, Angelica, minutes after his cargo plane returns home to Fort Worth, Texas after being deployed for seven months to Iraq.

Photo by Gunnery Sgt. James Monego

Upcoming Events:

April 1— Jane Wayne Day, to sign-up call MAG-41 Family Readiness Officer, CWO3 Steve O'Day Phone: 817-782-2748 Email: OdaySE@mfr.usmc.mil



A note from Debby Lukas

Key Volunteer Advisor



Dear MAG-41 Families,

As I write this letter, it's cold and wet outside. It seems that winter (however brief) finally came to Texas this year. I'm enjoying the cool weather, I know that the heat of summer is never far off.

It has been a relatively quiet month. But it's about to get busy again; I'm sure.

If you haven't signed up for Jane Wayne Day yet; hurry up!!! I won't tell you how



many years it's been since I've been to a Jane Wayne Day and I can't wait! If you haven't already done so, contact your unit FRO and sign-up today. We're going to have a great time.

MAG-41 has a wonderful opportunity ahead of us. We will be the first reserve unit to have L.I.N.K.S. (Lifestyles, Insights, Network, Knowledge, Skills) This wonderful program will help each of us as the spouse of a Marine – it doesn't matter if your Marine is active, active reserve, or drilling reserve or 'seasoned' or

new. If you are not familiar with the program, watch this newsletter for details over the coming months. We expect to hold our first L.I.N.K.S. class in late August.

See you at Jane Wayne Day!

Debby



NAS-JRB FORT WORTH Fleet & Family Support Center (817) 782-5287

Course Descriptions & Upcoming Classes

TAP – Transition Assistance Program – Takes place once per month (usually the third full week). This is a DOD mandated class for retiring and separating service members. POC: Al x5290

CFS – Command Financial Specialist – Takes place once per quarter. This is a class for E6 and above to learn how to counsel/educate/refer members of their command who are experiencing difficulty with personal finances. POC: Pam x5537

CONSEP – Career Opportunities and Navy Skills Evaluation Program – There are two separate courses under this title. July course is for members within 18 months of completing their first enlistment. September course for members within 18 months of completing second term. POC: Pam x5537

OBT – Ombudsman Training – Offered to military spouses selected by Commanding Officers to be the Command Ombudsman. POC: Angela x5355

PFM Series – Personal Financial Management – Offered on Tuesday mornings at 1000, when room is available. Included in this series are programs such as: Recovering from Debt, Thrift Savings Plan, ID Theft and other Scams, Car Buying, Household Budgeting, Funding College, Investing for Retirement, etc. POC: Pam x5537

SEAP Series – Spouse Employment Assistance Program – Offered Every other Thursday at 1000. Included in this series will be seminars on Resume preparation, Interviewing skills, Writing Cover Letters, Registering with Work in Texas, Typing Certification, etc. POC: Pam x5537

Marriage Enrichment Series – Offered every other Thursday at 1300. This series will include sessions on Stress Management, Renewing the Romance, Communication Styles, Preserve and Protect the Friendship, Talk Money with your Honey, Parenting, etc. POC: MHN Clinician x5472

Relocation Series – Offered every month on the 2nd Thursday morning, to include courses like Sponsorship, Smooth Move, Money and the Move, etc. POC: Al x5290

Anger Management – This program is offered at 0900, every third Wednesday, when the room is available. Open to command referred members, and anyone interested. POC: Karen x5471

Domestic Violence – Will be offered every third Wednesday at 1300 for anyone interested in recognizing and/or learning more about Domestic Violence. POC: Judy x5470

TX NG – Texas National Guard offers a wide variety of programs and courses, and coordi-

nated a summer camps for kids who have a deployed parent. POC: Jo x5441

March

- 1– Job Fair 0900-1400
- 2– SEAP Series 10-1130,
- Marriage Enrichment Series 1300-1430
- 7– PFM Series 1000-1130
- 9– Relocation Series 1000-1130
- 14 PFM Series 1000-1130
- 15– Anger Management 0900-1100,
- Domestic Violence Education 1300-1500
- 16– SEAP Series 1000-1130,
- Marriage Enrichment Series 1300-1430
- 21 PFM Series 1000-1130
- 28-31– TAP 0800-1600 (All Week)

April

- 4– PFM Series 1000-1130
- 5– Job Fair 0900-1400
- 6– SEAP Series 1000-1130,
- Marriage Enrichment 1300-1430
- 11– PFM Series, 1000-1130
- 13– Relocation Series 1000-1130
- 18– PFM Series 1000-1130
- 19– Anger Management 0900-1100,
- Domestic Violence Educ. 1300-1500
- 20– SEAP Series– 1000-1130,
- Marriage Enrichment 1300-1430
- 25-28–TAP 0800-1600 (All Week)



SPIRITUAL READINESS, Chaplin Neal Moquin

There once was a King who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of peace. Many paintings were submitted and he selected the two he liked best to make his final decision. One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror for peaceful towering mountains were all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace.

The other picture depicted rugged and bare mountains. Above was an angry sky from which rain fell, in which lightening played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This did not look peaceful at all. But at a close glance one could see, behind the waterfall, a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a bird had built a nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the bird on her nest...in perfect peace.

Which picture do you think won the prize? The King chose the second picture. Why?

"Because," explained the King, "peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, chaos, trouble, or hard work or pain. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the real meaning of peace.

*Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
For you are my crag and my stronghold:
For the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.*



★ Promotions, Awards & ★ New Joins for February

Promotions

Cpl Justin Parks
SSgt Elijah Colclough
WO Steve Williams
LCpl Elijah Whirly

New Joins

Maj Hurt
Maj Rove Jr.
Sgt Maj Villers
GySgt Rogers

Awards

Good Conduct Medal
GySgt E. Enriquez
Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal
Cpl N.Castillo



Devil Dogs

Dateline 23 June 1918, France. The German IV Corps counter attacked in strength on 13 June behind a cloud of mustard gas. The Marines held their ground. By the 15th of June, Harbored, The brigade commander, was demanding that his brigade be relieved. The 7th U.S. Infantry, half-trained, came up on the night of 16 June and filed into the random line of foxholes. The Marine Brigade, some of it's battalions down to one-third strength, went into Division reserves. The Marines went back into attack on 23 June. On 26 June, Harbored sent the signal, "Woods now U.S. Marine Corps entirely."

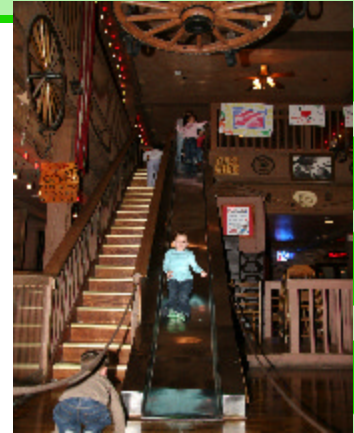
General Degoutte, commanding the French Sixth Army, on 30 June decreed "Henceforth in all official papers, Belleau Wood shall bear the name, 'Bois de la Brigade de Marine'."

The Germans made their own sober assessment and begrudgingly allowed that the Marines, with more experience, might be considered to be of storm trooper quality. There was a less formal assessment being made in the field grade ranks. "Tuefelhunden", referring to the legendary fighting dogs of the devil was the nickname given to the Marines by the German forces. Meant to be an appellation, the Marines accepted this as a compliment and became known as Devil Dogs.

Taken from L.I.N.K.S. Training Manual



WELCOME HOME MACS-24



Vote Election Dates

For questions or assistance contact , Major Rocky A. Hobbs, Voting Assistance Officer @ (817) 782-2708 , DSN 739-2708 , email: HobbsRA@mfr.usmc.mil

State	State Primary	State Runoff Primary (if necessary)	General Election		
			Federal Offices		State
			U.S. Senate	U.S. Representative	Governor
Alabama	June 6	June 27	No	7	Yes
Alaska	August 22	-----	No	1	Yes
American Samoa	-----	November 21	-----	1 Delegate	No
Arizona	September 12	-----	Yes	8	Yes
Arkansas	May 23	June 13	No	4	Yes
California	June 6	-----	Yes	53	Yes
Colorado	August 8	-----	No	7	Yes
Connecticut	August 8	-----	Yes	5	Yes
Delaware	September 12	-----	Yes	1	No
District of Columbia	September 12	-----	-----	1 Delegate	Mayor
Florida	September 5	-----	Yes	25	Yes
Georgia	July 18	August 8	No	13	Yes
Guam	September 2	November 7	-----	1 Delegate	Yes
Hawaii	September 23	-----	Yes	2	Yes
Idaho	May 23	-----	No	2	Yes
Illinois	March 21	-----	No	19	Yes
Indiana	May 2	-----	Yes	9	No
Iowa	June 6	-----	No	5	Yes
Kansas	August 1	-----	No	4	Yes
Kentucky	May 16	-----	No	6	No
Louisiana	November 7	December 9	No	7	No
Maine	June 13	-----	Yes	2	Yes
Maryland	September 12	-----	Yes	8	Yes
Massachusetts	September 19	-----	Yes	10	Yes
Michigan	August 8	-----	Yes	15	Yes
Minnesota	September 12	-----	Yes	8	Yes
Mississippi	June 6	June 27	Yes	4	No
Missouri	August 8	-----	Yes	9	No
Montana	June 6	-----	Yes	1	No
Nebraska	May 9	-----	Yes	3	Yes
Nevada	August 15	-----	Yes	3	Yes
New Hampshire	September 12	-----	No	2	Yes
New Jersey	June 6	-----	Yes	13	No
New Mexico	June 6	-----	Yes	3	Yes
New York	September 12	-----	Yes	29	Yes
North Carolina	May 2	May 30	No	13	No
North Dakota	June 13	-----	Yes	1	No
Ohio	May 2	-----	Yes	18	Yes
Oklahoma	July 25	August 22	No	5	Yes
Oregon	May 16	-----	No	5	Yes
Pennsylvania	May 16	-----	Yes	19	Yes
Puerto Rico	-----	-----	-----	-----	No
Rhode Island	September 12	-----	Yes	2	Yes
South Carolina	June 13	June 27	No	6	Yes
South Dakota	June 6	June 20	No	1	Yes
Tennessee	August 3	-----	Yes	9	Yes
Texas	March 7	April 11	Yes	32	Yes
Utah	June 27	-----	Yes	3	No
Vermont	September 12	-----	Yes	1	Yes
Virginia	June 13	-----	Yes	11	No
Virgin Islands	September 11	September 25	-----	1 Delegate	Yes
Washington	September 19	-----	Yes	9	No
West Virginia	May 9	-----	Yes	3	No
Wisconsin	September 12	-----	Yes	8	Yes
Wyoming	August 22	-----	Yes	1	Yes

No Cost Tax Filing For Service Members

TurboTax Essentials and TurboTax Basic is offered to you through Military OneSource at no cost to you. TurboTax allows you to quickly file your taxes. It walks you through the process step-by-step, asking simple questions in plain English. Your answers are put on the right IRS and state tax forms. All the math is done for you, and all the forms you're likely to need are included. To access this offer, visit <http://www.militaryonesource.com>. All Military OneSource users are now required to create their own personal log-on account. The generic user name and password no longer work. For assistance with tax questions or the TurboTax program, call Military OneSource TurboTax at 1-800-730-3802.



Marine Corps Mascot

After WWI, an English bulldog named "Sergeant Major Jiggs" was presented to General John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant. From then on, the English bulldog has been the official mascot and has 'served' at the Marine Corps Barracks, 8th and "I" Streets in Washington, D.C. As a tribute to one of the Corps' most heroic officers, the late Lieutenant General Lewis B. Puller, the mascot's name was changed and remains "Chesty." Many units have their own bulldog mascot, but the official Marine Corps mascot is assigned to Marine Barracks, Washington D.C.



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Marine Spouses Club

We will be meeting on March 8th, Wednesday @ 6:00pm.
Macaroni Grill, Fossil Creek. The address is 6300 North Freeway, Ft. Worth, TX 76137-2922 US, 817-306-9722
Please RSVP by March 7th to BakerMJ.CTR@mfr.usmc.mil



MCCS ONESOURCE

Marine Corps Community Center's One Source is available to help with everything from finding a plumber to helping with scholarship information.

1-800-869-0278 www.mccsonesource.com

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Base Theater 817-782-6037

Ticket Sales begin 30 minutes prior to movies
Call the Base Theater for a recording of current movies & times!

Prices: Children 5 and under are FREE

Ages 5-11 are \$2.00

Ages 12 and over \$3.00

